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heart attack fatalities, as a result of a similar program in the Seattle area. So the benefits of these programs are very real and I think it is time for Nebraska to move quickly in this area. The other thing that we do is we allow for reciprocity between other states which have similar programs. Currently there is no reciprocity in Nebraska. We also allow biennial inspection and recertification to reduce the cost of the program. We require continuing education on a two year basis rather than a five year basis to ensure that individuals involved in this field keep up. And the final point that I would like to mention is that we allow for certification of field supervisors and they are involved in the training aspects of the various emergency medical service programs. Those are really the high points of LB 254. It is a bill that has been worked out over approximately two years in the emergency medical area of all the various interest groups involved and I hope that we can advance the bill and enact it into law and I would be happy to attempt to respond to any questions that we have. From my perspective as a rural Senator, it is a piece of legislation that we can live with which doesn't compromise the quality of health care in the rural areas but doesn't impose unnecessarily burdensome regulations on our volunteers either. So I would urge you to advance LB 254.

PRESIDENT: Is there further discussion on the bill? If not, the motion is to advance LB 254. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? The Clerk will record the vote.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to advance the bill.

PRESIDENT: Motion carried and the bill is advanced. LB 254A.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 254A offered by Senators Cullan and Hefner. (Read title).

PRESIDENT: Senator Cullan. We are on the appropriation bill now, Senator.

SENATOR CULLAN: Then I would move the appropriations bill.

PRESIDENT: Motion is to advance LB 254A. Is there discussion on the bill? If not, all those in favor of advancing LB 254A vote aye, opposed vote nay. The motion is to advance LB 254A. Please record your vote. Have you all voted? The Clerk will record the vote.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to advance the A bill.